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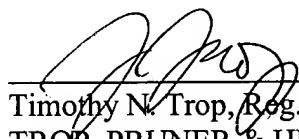
Claim 1 was rejected under Section 102 over either Li or Seraphim. Apparently, the Examiner has interpreted alignment elements and alignment devices to include merely electrical contacts. It is true that in the Li reference it is pointed out that alignment can be achieved. But, of course, this alignment is not in any way due to the solder balls and contacts which do not themselves function as alignment elements -- i.e., elements that serve to align. Instead, all these devices do is allow the user a target to try to align one element with the other element. There is alignment inherent in these features but, instead, the alignment is only the result of action by the user. In contrast with the claimed invention, alignment may be achieved by mating alignment devices on each part.

Therefore, claim 1 as amended patentably distinguishes over the art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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